NEWS OF THE LODGES.

WHAT IS DOING AMONG THE SECRET SOCIETIES.

Masonic Calendar for the Coming Week-A History of the Late Triennial Conclave-Conferring of Degrees-Rechabite and I. O. M. Notes, 1

The following Masonic bodies meet upon the evenings of the ensuing week :

Lodges.—Masonic Temple—Dawson No. 16, Monday, 24th; Federal No. 1, Tuesday, 25th; New Jerusalem No. 9, Thursday, 27th; Saint John's No. 11, Friday, 28th; Hope No. 20, Fri-

A. A. S. R. Sanctuary—Cathedral: Harmony No. 17, Thursday, 27th. Blue Room: Arminius No. 25, Monday, 24th; Acacia No. 18, Tuesday,

Masonic Hall, Georgetown—George C. Whit-ing No. 22, Thursday, 27th. Brightwood Hall, Brightwood—Stansbury No.

25, Monday, 24th.

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Royal Arch Chapters.—Masouic Temple—Mt.
Vernon No. 3, Monday, 24th; Washington No.
2, Thursday, 27th; Eureka No. 4, Friday, 28th.
Masonic Hall, Georgetown—Potomac No. 8,

Commanderies Knights Templar, — Masonic Temple—De Molay No. 4, Tuesday 25th; Washington No. 1, Wednesday, 26th.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Sanctuary, 1007 G street—Robert de Bruce, Council of Kadosh, Tuesday, 25th.

Federal Lodge No. 1 will confer the first de-

gree Tuesday evening. Eureka Chapter No. 4 will confer the Mark

degree Friday evening. Arminius Lodge No. 25 will confer the second degree Monday evening.

St. John's Lodge No. 11 will confer the first and second degrees Friday evening. Acacia Lodge No. 18 will devote the commu-

nication of Tuesday evening to routine busi-Potomac Chapter No. 8 will simply transact routine business at the convocation of Tuesday

George C. Whiting Lodge No. 22 will confer the first and possibly the second degrees Thurs-

day evening. Stansbury Lodge No. 24 expects to confer the third degree to-morrow evening. The first may,

however, be substituted.

New Jerusalem Lodge No. 9 will probably confer the first degree Thursday evening. The second may also be worked.

Dawson Lodge No. 16 will confer the second degree Monday evening. The first may also be worked at this communication. Harmony Lodge No. 17 will confer the third

degree Thursday evening. A special communication was held last Monday evening for the same degree. Columbia Chapter No. 1 will hold a special convocation Wednesday evening, upon which occasion it is expected that the Royal Arch de-

gree will be conferred. Washington Commandery will probably not confer any more degrees until after the annual election of the organization, which will occur upon Good Friday evening, April 4.

Washington Chapter No. 2 will transact routine business at the convocation of Thursday evening. At the last convocation the Royal Arch was conferred. The chapter has just received from Horstmann Bros., of Philadelphia,

a new and handsome outfit. Hope Lodge No. 20 will confer the third de-gree Friday evening. At the last communica-tion all degree work was dispensed with on account of the death of Brother David S. Blue, a beloved and valued member, who has filled the office of treasurer of the lodge for many

Mount Vernon Chapter No. 4 will work the Mark degree to-morrow evening. At the last convocation the chapter was honored by the presence of several distinguished chapter Masons—the M. E. G. H. P., E. S. Holmes, of the Grand Chapter of the District of Colum-bia; Past Grand H. P. Hull, of Tennessee, and the Grand Visitor and Lecturer of this jurisdiction, R. E. Companion James H. Trimble, and

several other eminent Masons. The directors of the Masonic Mutual Relief Association will meet at the office, 419 Eleventh street northwest, Wednesday evening, when it is expected that the long-delayed action relative to the change of eligibility for membership will be definitely settled. At the last meeting the committee appointed to look into the matter did not make any report, and consequently the subject was not discussed. What result will be reached next Wednesday evening cannot be predicted, as it is not known how many of the board favor the change.

At the last meeting of the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, it was decided to hold the next session of that body at San Francisco in August, but a contingency has arisen which may cause a change in this arrangement and a more central city to be selected for the holding of the festi-val of the wearers of the "fez." The proper authorities of the council have been as yet un-able to secure from the railroad companies anyable to secure from the fallroad companies any-thing like a satisfactory rate for the trip, when the large number who will make the journey is taken into consideration, and for this reason they are seriously discussing the advisability of selecting another city. Pittsburg is the favor-ite, especially of the Southern and Eastern tem-ples, and unless satisfactory arrangements are shortly consummated with the transcontinental railroads the latter city will undoubtedly secure the prize, in which event the date will be changed and the session of the Imperial Coun-cil will be held in June instead of August, on account of the weather. The members of Almas Temple, of this city, are very enthusiastic over the proposed change, and are booming the claims of Pittsburg with true Arabic persistency. In case the change is made the caravan from this city will be a lengthy one, and in the reti-nue of the imperial officers will be found the most prominent members of the order who owe allegiance to Almas Temple, Oasis of Washing-

The report of Very Eminent Sir Myron M. Parker, chairman of the triennial committee, is now extant, and in a concise form gives a full and complete history of the great Templar event. To the fraters of the District of Columbia who desire to preserve a record of the handle bia who desire to preserve a record of the hap-penings of that eventful week, and to the authorities who will conduct the affairs of future triennial conclaves, it is an invaluable document for reference. The unparalleled success of the twenty-fourth triennial conclave was the deserved reward for the wisdom, hard work, and executive ability of the distinguished officers and members of the triennial committee. Chairman Parker introduces the report as follows: "The services of the triennial committee were so efficient and satisfactory, and of so much importance and benefit to Templar Ma-sonry throughout the world, that I have deemed it proper to make a report thereon as a matter of permanent history. Had we a grand com-mandery in the jurisdiction that duty would have been performed by the Grand Commander, and the doings of the committee having in charge the ceremonies incident to the twenty-fourth triennial conclave of the grand encamp-ment would have found a place in the libraries of the various grand commanderies of the United

States. While I very much regret that we do not permit ourselves to enjoy the benefits of a grand commandery, I do not regret the necessity that calls forth this report, as it enables me to record the services of a committee that were unparalleled in the history of our order."

De Molay Commandery No. 4 will transact routine business at the next conclave, Tuesday evening. At the last conclave handsomely engrossed resolutions of thanks were presented to California Commandery No 1, of San Francisco. Cal., and Mount Calvary Commandery No. 4, of Omaha, Neb., for acts of knightly courtesy extended De Molay Commandery during the triennial conclave held in this city last October, when California Commandery presented them with a beautiful silk commandery banner-ette, and Mount Calvary with an exact immita-tion in immortelles of their commandery banner. Between the latter commandery (Mount Calvary and De Molay the strongest and most cordial sentiments exist, and the Washington Sir Knights remember with the deepest gratitude the fraternal action of the Omaha Commandery when Maj. Thomas F. Thornburgh, of the Army and a member of De Molay Commandery, was killed on the 20th of September, 1879, in an action with the Indians upon the frontier. Upon hearing of the death of the Sir Knight Mount Calvary Commandery sent a delegation to the scene of his death and escorted the remains back to Omaha, where they were buried with Masonic honors. The names of the pallbearers upon that occasion, Sir Knights Edward A. Allen, William R. Bowen, J. R. Boyer, Charles F. Catlin, C. C. Chase, Henry P. Deuel, G. W. Lenninger, and Eben K. Long, are now borne upon the roll of honorary members of De Molay Commandery. Sir Knight Hebner, the caterer, who had charge of the banquet tendered the ledge of the caterer. the ladies of the commandery some time ago, presented to the organization a remarkable piece of table decoration, which at the time called forth many favorable comments. It is a representation of a mounted Knight Templar in the uniform of De Molay Commandery, made of syrene, and is quite a work of art in the per-fectness of every detail. The donor had a suitable pedestal and glass dome constructed for its preservation, and the gift will be placed on ex-hibition in the asylum among the other memen-toes of the commandery.

Independent Order of Rechabites. Tressurer Alonzo J. Exton, of Friendship Tent No. 73, who has been confined to his bed for ten days, is improving.

A preliminary organization of the Friendship Juniors was effected last Monday evening. The organization will be completed to-morrow evening, at 6:30 o'clock.

Cammack Juniors had an imitation and a lively session last Thursday evening in Good Templars' Hall, corner of Four-and-a-half street and Pennsylvania avenue.

Eagle Tent No. 1 (Juniors) had a spirited session last Monday evening. After a creditably-conducted initiation and the transaction of important business, good-of-order remarks were made by Past High Chief Ruler J. J. Murray, Past Chief Ruler Clarence Mills, and Past High Deputy Ruler Thomas S. Dunn, and on the part of the Juniors by Brothers Earnest Dunn, William Beavans, Frank Frazzare, Frank Ran-

Eagle Tent No. 2, after an enthusiastic business session, had interesting good-of-order exercises, with Brother John H. Hancock in the chair, earnest remarks being made by Grand Chief Ruler W. J. Webb, Secretary A. A. Allison, Past High Chief Ruler J. J. Murray, Past Chief Ruler Thomas Brown, Chief Ruler Fred. M. Stromberger, Past High Deputy Ruler T. S. Dunn, Brothers Andrew Brown and Samuel Filis and Best Chief Ruler Clarence Mills. Ellis, and Past Chief Ruler Clarence Mills.

Redemption Tent No. 144, Odd Fellows' Hall, Navy Yard, is gradually increasing in member-ship, and is doing good work in the southeastern section of the city. At its last meeting the good-of-order exercises were enlivened with remarks by Secretary William Pallas, Deputy Ruler Charles Nicholson, Chief Ruler Harry Lucas, Brothers Taylor, Burch, and Gill, Past Chief Ruler S. H. Martin, and Grand Chief Ruler J. Webb, and songs by Brother Harry

Purity Tent No. 4, Ladies' Branch, always wide-awake in the interest of temperance, had an interesting meeting last Monday night. After an industrious business session the large number in attendance were entertained with remarks by Past Chief Ruler Clarence Mills, Mr. and Mrs. George Allen, Past Chief Ruler Thomas Brown, Mrs. Lida Murray, Senior Past Chief Ruler; Brother Andrew Brown, Sisters Mills and Brewer, Past High Deputy Ruler Thomas S. Dunn, and Past High Chief Ruler J.

Friendship Tent No. 73 has interesting meetings in Red Men's Hall every Monday night, and visitors are always welcome. Last Monday evening the good-of-order exercises consisted of an impressive address by Chief Ruler E. S. Woodford and remarks by Brother W. L. Milburn, Past Chief Ruler A. B. Hurlbut, Grand Secretary L. H. Patterson, Shepherd Thomas Wood, Levite William Sweitzer, Supporter J. B. Edwards, Deputy Ruler Daniel Proctor, Supporter W. H. Wood, Guards James Coyle and H. L. Milburn, Grand Chief Ruler W. J. Webb, Supporter W. G. Goldsmith, Brother George Pruett, of Cammack Tent No. 56, and Financial Secretary W. Irving Hutchins.

Independent Order Mechanics.

One of the characteristics of a true Master Mechanic is an unceasing desire for the accomplishing of some good deed. He never wearies in well doing. It is by a true and faithful application of the virtues which underlie our brotherhood that we hope to enjoy the verdict of "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Anchor Lodge No. 9 held its regular meeting last Monday night, with Worthy Master John Williams in the chair. The attendance was large. Mr. John Hurlson was admitted to the first degree. The second degree was conferred upon Brother Daniel Lewis. It was gratifying to see Past Master William Lewis at the lodge once more. It was with much pleasure that the lodge heard of the improvement of the wife of Past Master A. G. Stevens.

Layfayette Lodge No. 13 held an interesting meeting Thursday night, March 20. Brother J. W. Deneane was reported improving. The lodge learned with regret of the death of the child of Brother G. W. Ellis. It is to be hoped that the members will be liberal in their subscriptions to The Sunday Herald, as it is the medium by which brothers out of town learn of the doings of their respective lodges. Brother E. M. Edward, now in Asheville, N. C., is profuse in his thanks at receiving The Sunday Herald, as is also Brother Bois. Past Master F. Whitlock, of Lafayette Lodge No. 7, of

Baltimore, Md., was present. Good Will Lodge No. 14 held quite a large and interesting meeting last Tuesday night at their hall, N and Thirty-second streets, Worthy Master Fuse in the chair. Brother H. Paul is still quite sick. Brother Joseph Gerson having been duly elected, the third or Master's degree was conferred upon him. Mr. George Seymour made application for membership into the lodge. On Tuesday night, March 25, the first or Apprentice degree will be conferred upon two candidates. Brothers of sister lodges are cor-dially invited to be present on that occasion. This is the "baby lodge" of the District, and should receive the encouragement of sister

Columbia Lodge No. 1 held a large and in teresting meeting at their hall, Fifth and G streets, Tuesday evening last. Brothers J. S. Brown and J. W. Nolan were reported sick. Brothers Galliher and Eichelberger had recovered from their illness. Brother E. Long re-

ceived the second degree. A committee was appointed to prepare and have printed a directory of the members, and insert the adver-tisements of all members (or persons employing members) in the directory. An invitation was extended to Lafayette Lodge No 11, of Alexandria, Va., to pay this lodge a fraternal visit. A history of the lodge since its organization is in preparation by P. G. A. Eichelberger.

Golden Cross Notes.

A new commandery of the order has been partially secured in the First Ward section of the city. Some thirty or more names have been

Alexander McKerichar, a member of Meridian Commandery, and the efficient superintendent of Glenwood Cemetery, has been seriously ill, but is improving.

J. E. Crandall, a member of Columbia Commandery No. 374, was in Boston, Mass., last week, on business, and called upon Past Supreme Commander William H. Solomon

Charles E. H. Holmes, a member of the Grand Commandery, died in January, and the following committee has been named to prepare sulfable resolutions; George J. P. Wood, Fred E. Woodward, and George W. F. Striebey.

Goodwill Commandery No. 21 will hold an open meeting Monday evening, March 31, in Scottish Rite Hall, 1007 G street, to which all are invited. Among other attractions Professor Edgar Frisby, of the Naval Observatory, will speak of the "Astronomy of the Bible."

The ninth annual session of the Grand Commandery of the United Order of the Golden Cross will be held in Golden Cross Hall, corner of Fifth and G streets, Friday evening, April 11, at 80'clock. A large number of new members will be admitted fromt he subordinate com-

Lincoln Post, No. 3, G. A. R., having decided to have as one of the attractions a "Golden Cross booth," the Grand Commander has accepted the invitation for the order to visit the fair, and an evening will be selected, to be announced later, when the knights and ladies of the Golden Cross will attend.

Anacostia Commandery No. 423 held a most interesting meeting Wednesday evening last, there being a large attendance and two applications for membership. The proposed recep-tion to the members of the Grand Command-ery which was to have taken place was post-poned on account of the sickness of Grand Commander Ehle's little son.

An exciting contest is in progress in Meridian Commandery between the membership, which has been divided into two sides, under the leadership of S. W. Maddux, Sr., and F. E. Wood-ward, as to which side shall bring in the largest number of acceptable candidates between this time and July 1. The defeated side is to pay for a supper for the whole party.

The following applications have been received in Anacostia Commandery No. 423: Mrs. Mary F. Cator, J. E. Powell, David L. Pitcher, Franklin Jay Henry, James C. Lee, Elizabeth V. Lee, William E. Tew, Maggie Tew, A. M. Green, Carrie S. King, and Mary Baxter; in Haleyon Commandery, from Mrs. Charles B. Quick; in National Commandery, from John Bauer; in Goodwill Commandery, from Henry C. Stier and Norman R. Jenner. C. Stier and Norman R. Jenner.

The last session of Meridian Commandery No. 178 was one of the most interesting held by the Commandery. Mrs. Harriet Ferris was initiated and an application for membership was received from Mr. Louis Heilbran. The good-of-theorder exercises included the reading of an original poem by Dr. W. W. Granger, a recitation by Fred F woodward, and brief remarks by Sir Kt.ights Gough, Keck, Patten, Maddox, Kent, Ladies Moore, Smith, and Ferris, and Sir Knights Toepper, of Halcyon, and Fingles, of Columbia Commandery.

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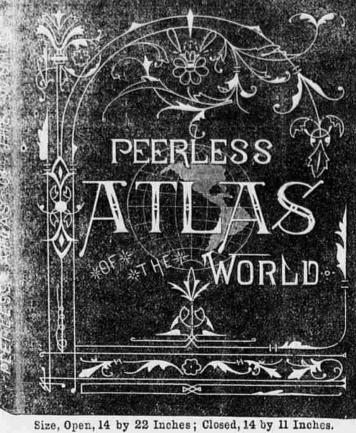
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